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## MVTA snubs County

by Tamara Collins

After confirming he would attend the Special Mountain View County (MVC) meeting held specifically to answer his questions, moments before the meeting started, Henry Kuelker of the Mountain View County Taxpayers Association (MVTA) declined his attendance.

The questions the meeting, held on Monday, was set to answer were, why the 1999 estimates for upgrading and renovating the County Administration Building by architects and engineers was \$796,700 and, in a County publication, the figure appears as \$1,850,000. The second question was, why there are different cost estimates in several County publications.

These questions were asked by Kuelker, at the Dec. 23 County meeting before the petition was presented.

"Mr. Kuelker used a preliminary working document which was subsequently updated in final form to base his calculation on," said County Commissioner Harold Johnsrude. "Moreover, he arbitrarily deleted such necessary items as electrical and mechanical costs, demolition of existing interior space, architect fees, GST, technology and refurbishing upgrades making his total number (\$796,700) incomplete and misleading."

It is unclear at this point how Kuelker got the preliminary working document, seeing it was not released to the public, because it was incomplete.

Johnsrude, used a complete chronological review of the steps, studies and decision points regarding the building project.

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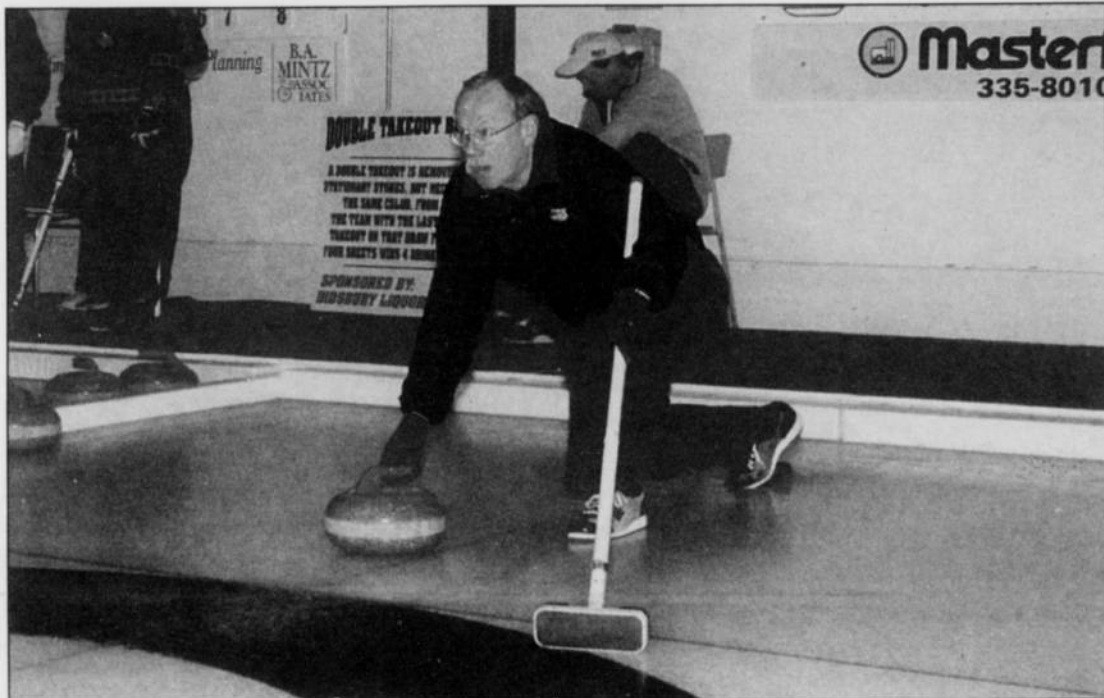


photo by Tamara Collins

### Curling to the Button

Vance van Dam takes his shot in the "Draw to the Button" contest, Saturday afternoon at the Farm and Ranch Bonspiel. See story and photos on page 13.

## Waste Commission explains "financial crisis"

by Carla Victor

Poor management practices, inappropriate personal use of a credit card and not providing correct information to board members were three of the numerous factors contributing to Mountain View Regional Waste Commission's \$500,000 shortage that shocked municipal councils this past spring.

A summary of the forensic audit on Mountain View Regional Waste Commission (MVRWC), conducted by Municipal Affairs, outlined serious mismanagement issues that led to a "financial crisis."

The commission, which is responsible for handling of solid waste and recycling for the communities of Mountain View County, was formed in 2000 as an answer to waste handling problems all municipalities were having with their landsites.

A shortfall of \$500,000 worth of funding was discovered in the spring of 2002, as a result Municipal Affairs was called in to conduct a forensic audit and Brian Austrom temporarily replaced MVRWC CAO Larry Nault who was dismissed with cause.

Although entire forensic

audit was not released for public consumption, because it involved private information dealing with personnel issues, a summary detailed what went so terribly wrong.

Acting CAO Austrom said one of the first statements in the summary was "significant cash flow shortages experienced by the commission appear to be due to excessive operation and capital spending, inadequate funding as well as poor management practices and oversights rather than direct misappropriation."

One comment did refer to poor management practices

and another stated a credit card was inappropriately used for personal purposes.

Neither Austrom or Municipal Affairs would provide specific examples of credit card use because of possible pending legal action.

The summary went on to say accounting records and supporting documentation were incomplete. Evidence of missing records and removal of files from the commission offices was evident.

All this under the noses of directors who thought everything was running smoothly.

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## NEWS

## IN THE COURTS

# Trial postponed in wildlife case

## Driver made unusual stop

A 21-year-old Olds College student questioned by police after he made an unnecessary stop on an Olds street in November has been convicted of drunk driving.

Georgie Christison pleaded guilty on Jan. 7 to a charge of driving with a blood alcohol level greater than 80 mg per cent.

The accused was stopped at about 3 a.m. on Nov. 3, 2003 when a patrolling officer noticed the man stop in the middle of the street, court heard.

The officer noticed the accused was not wearing a seatbelt and smelled of liquor.

Christison's blood alcohol level at the time was 140 mg per cent.

Judge W. Gilbert fined the accused \$600 and prohibited him from driving for one year.

## Driver hit curb

A 29-year-old woman who drove her truck over a curb in Carstairs last October, catching the attention of a patrolling police officer in the process, has been convicted of drunk driving.

Cheryl Lynn Taks pleaded guilty on Jan. 7 to a charge of driving with a blood alcohol level greater than 80 mg per cent.

The accused was stopped at about 2 a.m. on Oct. 26. Her blood alcohol level at the time was 110 mg per cent.

"I've learned my lesson,"

Taks told Judge Gilbert.

The judge fined her \$600 and prohibited her from driving for one year.

## Driver didn't wear seatbelt

A 47-year-old woman stopped by police when she was seen driving without a seatbelt has been convicted of drunk driving.

Lynn Ann May pleaded guilty on Jan. 7 to a charge of driving with a blood alcohol level greater than 80 mg per cent.

The accused was stopped in Didsbury at about 10 a.m. on Nov. 18. Her blood alcohol level at the time was 190 mg per cent.

Judge Gilbert, noting the conviction was the second drunk driving conviction for the accused, fined her \$750 and prohibited her from driving for one year.

## Trial postponed in wildlife case

The trial of a man charged with two counts of illegal possession of wildlife has been postponed.

Manuel Jose Garcia was scheduled to be tried on Jan. 7 but the case was postponed due to a death in the family of the investigating officer.

Crown prosecutor Danny Elliott requested the trial be rescheduled to June 23. Judge Gilbert agreed to the adjournment.

# WASTE *continued from front page*

Many have asked why didn't the municipalities have a better understanding of what was happening?

The summary provided answers to that as well "there were indications that incomplete or misleading financial information had been presented to councils."

"The Board wasn't always given the full information," said Austrom. "The forensic auditor looked at this operation from its inception, one of the comments he made to me was that if you were to look at the audited financial statement for the first six months and compared it to its budget you would have seen indications the cost of administration was exceeding budget already, unfortunately nobody pointed that out to the board's members and board members wouldn't know how to read that."

"From day one the organization was insufficient."

"They didn't get the full information from the CAO," said Austrom.

"I've had a chance to go through the books. I've looked at all the agenda packages presented to the board. If this was the only information I was presented I would have thought everything was fine too. The board was given incorrect, misleading information, that was prepared by Nault, as to the financial situation."

In fact, from day one, the organization was insufficient, said Austrom.

He said the summary also outlined poor planning and budgeting as major contributors to the cash shortage problems.

"In other words, the budget put together didn't show the true picture of what the commission was to operate," said Austrom. "The concept of being a self-sup-

porting venture may not have been adequately investigated prior to commencing operations and prior to introducing a self-funding revenue. The whole agreement was put together on the basis that this commission would fund itself and that wasn't realistic. The reality is that garbage removal must be subsidized by the taxpayers, it is everywhere else," said Austrom.

Steps to fix the troubled commission began as soon as the shortfall was discovered.

Municipalities have paid the outstanding \$500,000 and taken steps to address the underfunding of the operation.

The board has taken the information provided by Austrom to address every issue outlined in the audit.

"Business-wise we have prepared a business plan, fees have been increased to cover the cost of services offered," said Austrom.


Administration will be handled by Mountain View County, as of Jan. 1, and a new CAO will be hired.

"This all provides you with a double check, with competent staff to ensure things are being

done and the board members are getting all the information they need."

As for legal action against Nault, no one would comment.

"In terms of Mr. Nault, and where we will go legally, that hasn't been decided and will not be discussed in the paper. We do not discuss personnel issues in the public. That is the bottom line. Legally we can't take any chances," said Austrom.


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## NEWS

## DAC prices on the rise

by Tamara Collins

The Didsbury Aquatic Center has raised their prices this New Year. Aquatic Center rates were reviewed and compared with other aquatic centers, and at the Community Services Committee meeting on Nov. 24, revised rates were presented to them.

The recommended rates were presented to Town Council on Dec. 15, and they were then approved.

Aquacize drop-in has increased from \$4.25 to \$5.00, along with Deep Water Workout drop-in. An Aquacize 10 times pass has gone from \$37.50 to \$45.00. Aquacize one and three month passes are no longer available. A Deep Water Workout one month pass is still offered, only for \$35.00 instead of \$32.50.

50 Plus Fun and Fitness drop in has gone from \$3.50 to \$4.00. The 10 times pass for this is now \$36.00 instead of the old \$32.50, and a three month pass is now \$90.00. A one month pass is no longer available.

The Early Bird/Lap three month pass is now \$90.00, and the season pass is now \$275.00.

A regular Family Season Pass can be purchased for \$495.00. A new Season Pass Business Package is now being offered. If a business purchases a bundle including three to five families, they will receive a 25% discount, paying only \$371.25 per family, and \$56.25 for any additional people. For a bundle including six to eight families, a 35% discount is given, costing \$321.75 for a family, \$48.75 for each additional person.

The more families you include in a bundle the cheaper it is. For a bundle of nine to 11 families, the cost is \$272.25 each, \$41.25 for each additional person. Lastly, a 50% discount is given for a 12 to 15 family bundle, costing \$247.50, or \$37.50 per additional person.

These passes are valid for public, family, and lap swimming scheduled times and do not include admission to programs that include instruction such as aquacize, deep water workout and lessons.

A family is defined as one to two adults (common-law or married) with children under the age of 18 for whom are legal guardians living in the same household. This does not include grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, etc. This also does not include visiting relatives, or other people's children entering with a family for family swim.

These packages are only available to a business when they purchase what is outlined. Verification of employment within the business and/or membership within the association/organization will be necessary prior to purchase of a business package pass.



A Tracking History travelling exhibition is on display at the Didsbury Library until Jan. 23. This is a touring exhibition by the Edmonton Art Gallery of Edmonton for the Alberta Foundation for the Arts Travelling Exhibition Program.

## Didsbury Library tracking the trains

### CALGARY HEALTH REGION

## Calgary Health Region welcomes Didsbury

by Tamara Collins

The Calgary Health Region (CHR) met with the Rosebud Health Foundation (RHF) last Wednesday night as an introduction to the new partnership.

"We are very pleased to have Didsbury and area joining us," said Lori Anderson, senior executive leader of rural health. "It is a great community."

It was a preliminary

meeting and an opportunity for the Calgary Health Region to introduce themselves to the Rosebud Foundation.

"It was an excellent meeting," said John Overwater, president of the Rosebud Foundation. "We developed a rapport with the new health region, and worked on developing protocol."

Many questions the Rosebud Foundation had were answered about the people,

and the direction of the hospital.

"We reviewed policies, and did a lot of housekeeping," said Overwater.

The transfer is still very premature and the CHR is still in the process of figuring out payroll and staffing.

"The Didsbury Hospital has excellent staff and programs," said Anderson, "And we are really looking forward to working with them. As of today there are

no changes people need to be aware of."

The programs and services presently remain the same at the Didsbury Hospital.

"It is an on going process to continuously assess what the needs are of each community," said Anderson. "We want to ensure we meet those needs at all times. Every community has different services, but we want to ensure all services are within reasonable access."

## New health information system to improve patient care

by Tamara Collins

The Calgary Health Region (CHR) has recently entered into an agreement to purchase a new health information system to better manage patient information, support the delivery of high-quality care, and enhance patient safety in its hospitals.

The Region's Board has approved the seven-year contract with Eclipsys Corporation, The Outcomes Company based in Boca Raton, Florida. The Region selected its SunriseXA advanced clinical

solution and workflow modules.

The Region will start by implementing the SunriseXA in the three urban adult hospitals in 2004 and 2005, and the new Alberta's Children Hospital by 2007.

"It will eventually be system wide," said Doug Fraser, CHR communications. "Including Didsbury and area."

The Region is unsure at this point when the SunriseXA will go system wide, but it will start to benefit Albertans as soon as the first one is implemented.

"We were looking for an integrated solution to link phy-

sicians, staff, and hospitals across the region," said Dr. Chris Eagle, vice president and chief information officer for the CHR. "SunriseXA is a fundamental building block of a larger initiative to provide connectivity and continuity of improved patient care across the province. Specifically, we are looking to implement best practices, recreate a comprehensive patient record within our hospitals, and link this system with others in the community and primary care settings to support continuity of care. The system includes a number of tools to protect privacy of

health information."

Dr. Eagle said the patient care information system will provide timely access to information critical for clinical decision making, help to reduce the potential for medical errors, and speed up the flow of information that can be critical to saving lives.

The SunriseXA workflow modules to be developed in the Calgary Health Region include the enterprise Computer-based Patient (CPR) and workflow engine, Clinical Documentation Eclipsys. Rockyview General Hospital in Calgary will be the first hospital in the Region to receive the new patient care information system.

# OPINIONS EDITORIAL

## Curling fan in the making



TAMARA COLLINS  
EDITORIAL

is clear.

I was lucky enough to get the opportunity to attend the banquet on Saturday night. The room was filled with laughter. I guess after 10 years participants, sponsors and organizers get to know each other quite well, and many jokes and stories are shared. The evening was filled with prizes, I even won a door prize! It was clear to see everyone was enjoying themselves, not just the winners. Prizes filled the front table, and after all their hard work, winners had lots to choose from. The food was also very good. Mayor Dorothy Moore and County Reeve, Ian Harvie both attended the banquet. Just another example of the support in this community.

The atmosphere both at the banquet and at the curling rink throughout the week was very cheerful. I always looked forward to the time I got to spend there, meeting very interesting people, and watching great curling.

I am very much looking forward to the Senior's Bonspiel next week.

After watching the Farmers and Ranchers Bonspiel this past week my interest in curling has definitely increased. The number of people at the curling rink everyday getting involved was great to see. Everyone was having so much fun, getting along, and truly enjoying themselves.

The best thing about this event is the coming together of the business world with the farm world. These different groups of people interact with each other so well, and the overall respect for one another

## A RUSTIC VIEW OF TRICKLE DOWN TAX CUTS...



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## Wonderings of the heart

by Margaret Fradley  
"Smiles"

Smiles are infectious, you can catch them like the flu, when someone smiles at us, we tend to smile back, and as we smile at another, they too, tend to return that smile, what a difference this can make to our day. Suddenly when we smile at someone, and they smile back, we realize we passed that smile on to them, and on and on it goes like a pebble tossed into a pool of water, and little waves just spread and spread, until we can hardly see them any more. We have no idea how far they reach out, or what a difference they make.

Just how much effort is required just to 'smile' at someone passing by, how much time is required, just a single smile, some seemingly small thing we can share with another person, it could travel a long way.

Next time we pass someone, whether we know them or not, let us share a smile with them, and perhaps through our smile we could, as some one put it, start an epidemic. Let's get our world infected.



Myron Thompson, Member of Parliament for Wild Rose called for increased cooperation between American and Canadian agricultural officials in the wake of last weeks discovery of B.S.E. in the United States. "Now is the time to stop the finger pointing, stop blaming each other, and have the Canadian and American officials come together with the beef industry and scientists to resolve this North American B.S.E. problem. The two cases of mad cow disease on the continent have had a devastating impact on both countries. Now let's get to-

MYRON THOMPSON

## Stop the finger pointing

*"It will take time, but once we can establish an open border, as well as free and fair trade, we can get back to providing the best beef and other meat products in the world."*

-Myron Thompson, MOP

needs to happen then I encourage all levels of government and politicians to pay close attention to these experts, and make it happen. This is absolutely necessary in order to once again create a vibrant industry throughout North America.

"It will take time, but once we can establish an open border, as well as free and fair trade, we can get back to providing the best beef and other meat products in the world. As well as our beef; our sheep, goat, deer, elk, and other producers will feel the positive effects, and we can get back to order," continued Thompson.

"It is very important that we lay down the swords of dispute, and work actively together to provide a safe product, and move towards the compatibility we once had with our neighbors to make it work. I'm very confident this can be done, but it will only happen through a willingness from everyone involved to make a concerted effort. I know you can count me in."

gether and do our best to determine what needs to be done to get the industry back on track," stated Thompson.

Above everything else, Thompson emphasized that this is no time for either producers or consumers to panic needlessly. "Let the industry and the scientists tell us what



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# FROM THE MAILBAG

## New Studies On Second Hand Smoke

In my opinion a fair decision should be made concerning smoking and second hand smoke.

Business owners should be allowed to choose to be smoke free or not. Smoking and non-smoking areas can be completely separated and well ventilated within business premises as well. The choice should belong to business owners.

A new long term study published in the May 2003 issue of the prestigious British Medical Journal has confirmed there is no significant evidence that sec-

ond hand smoke causes lung cancer or heart disease. This study was done by researchers at the University of California and the University of New York. Participants were 118,094 adults who were enrolled in the American Cancer Society prevention study (CPS I).

Their health was monitored for a period of 39 years. This study began in late 1959. Lung cancer and heart disease rates in non-smokers married to smokers was compared with non-smoking couples.

They found no difference.

(This study can be found at <http://www.bmj.com> under archives volume 326 dated May 17 2003 and is entitled "Environmental Tobacco Smoke and Tobacco Related Mortality in a Prospective Study of Californians! 1960-98.")

The "New York Post" reported in May 2003 that this new study has been backed by Dr. Elizabeth Whelan an epidemiologist and president of the American Council on Science and Health. Dr. Whelan is an anti-smoking crusader.

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## Petitioning is our democratic right

To Whom it May Concern;

I was quite distraught recently when I was out gathering petition signatures on a new administration building for the County of Mountain View and one on the high price of utilities in the province of Alberta. There was a community function on; so I took the opportunity to gather more signatures.

This is our Democratic right for those who may not be aware.

A man walked up to me and made the remark that he and his people whom ever he felt he represented did not like me BEGGING for signatures. The present County councillor was in the building at that time and I know he opposed what I was doing as his opinions were known to differ.

Being able to view our opinions is our Democratic right on both sides of the situations. Mature people who want Democracy to remain in this country understand the scenario.

Rather than argue with the man, I told him I was on my way home at that time which I was.

It upset me that this man was unaware of our Rights and Freedom that all of us should hold so dearly. When I see with sadness so many countries around the world who do not enjoy the openness and pleasures of freedom that we do. It hurts when you see people like this who don't appreciate what they have.

We have already lost some freedoms in my opinion and I want to try and help preserve what remains for generations to come. Of course included in that would be my grandchildren.

God Bless this great country of ours — Canada !

Respectfully submitted  
Sharon Reimer

## MOUNTAIN VIEW COUNTY RURAL COMMUNITY GRANT

Mountain View County is now accepting applications for 2004 Rural Community Grants. This grant provides funding to rural communities and organizations operating recreation and cultural programs and facilities in the County and may be used towards operating or capital expenditures required by these programs and facilities. However, this grant is generally intended for organizations who do not have access to regular funding from other sources.

County Council will review and prioritize each application according to need, contributions of time and funds by the organization, and availability of County funds.

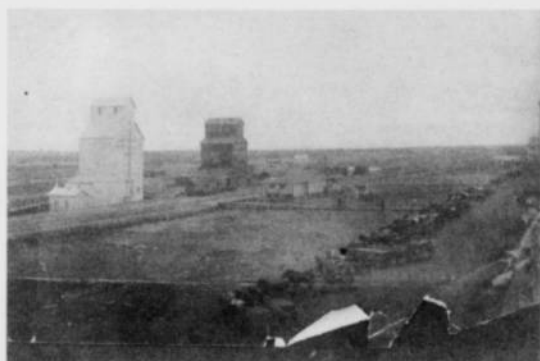
Grant application forms are available at the County Office and must be submitted to the County no later than February 27, 2004. For further information regarding this grant or to obtain an application form, please contact Marilyn McDougall at the County Office Ph. 335-3311

## ON THIS DAY.....EARLY 1900'S

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY



This is an original, very early photo of Didsbury, looking South. Note that the train station is 'turned around' and the sidewalks are built on stilts. Beyond the elevators is the sandstone building (once the hospital) complete with a balcony and a veranda both of which were taken off many years ago. At the very edge on the picture is the Maple Leaf Flour Mill built by Manasseh Weber in 1907. In 1910 the mill along with the chop house, store house, driving shed and office were completely destroyed by a late night fire. Reconstruction began in August of the same year thanks to the efforts of the Alberta Farmers Association and the Didsbury businessmen who canvassed to raise money to help Manasseh rebuild.



## Sister still respects brother

Dear Editor,

My name is Melissa Andres, and I am writing this, regarding a letter Amanda Toker wrote you recently. She mentioned she was speaking on behalf of her boyfriend Jamie Andres, but the letter she wrote was rude.

Jamie is my brother and the reason she wrote that letter was to convince you he was respectable, and yes he is. I have been looking up to my brother my entire life, and I know him more than his GIRLFRIEND of two years.

He was sentenced 18 months in prison for Vigilantism, the way I look at it, was he hurried the process of getting a rapist off our streets, and yes he was trying to protect YOUR children.

Although setting a house on fire was not the smartest choice, but he did NOT burn it down. He was just trying to get

his point across, and I, along with many other people do not criticize him for his actions but agree with him that he was heard and that pedophile/monster is now locked behind bars where he belongs.

So to clarify to everyone, my brother is a good man, an excellent father, and also a respectable gentleman.

His nor my reputation is not ruined because, I am keeping my head high, no matter what anyone thinks my brother is a good man and I know that for a FACT. So unlike some people I am not going to be obnoxious but speak my opinion in a respectable manner like I know my brother would.

Thank-you for your time and I hope you can understand my feelings, acknowledge my brother is neither criminal nor a bad person.

Sincerely,  
Melissa Andres

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## TOWN OF DIDSBURY PUBLIC MEETINGS

• MPC: January 21, 2004 • Town Council: January 26, 2004  
• Community Services: January 27, 2004

## NOTICE

The next meet the taxpayers meeting is February 2, 2004 at 7pm

Reminder: Dog Tags are FREE for the month of January, '04

## NEW DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

The following Development Permits have been issued for the following proposed developments:

•DP 85-03 1625-25 Avenue Relocation 11

Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 - 19Ave. or by calling 335-3391. Persons wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing, with the appropriate fees, to the secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 p.m. on January 28, 2004 Robert Wigg - Development Officer.

## NEWS

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"We feel it is very important that ratepayers have access to accurate information," said Reeve Ian Harvie. "That is why we hosted the meeting to walk Mr. Kuelker step by step through every document associated with this process. While we have given Mr. Kuelker and his colleagues all of this information in the past, it is clear that there is still misinformation being circulated. In fairness to the architects and the Building Committee members who worked diligently to prepare and share with the public solid information, we have an obligation to ensure accurate numbers are being quoted."

Johnsrude also pointed out that construction costs have increased between 14% and 22% since 1999. Johnsrude received this information from Cohos Evamy.

"This makes a significant impact on a million dollar project such as this," said Johnsrude.

Kathy Blain, secretary of the MVTA sent the letter to County, at approximately 1 p.m. Monday, stating that they would not be attending. The letter stated, "One of our members requested written explanations from Reeve Mr. Ian Harvie by 5:00 p.m. on Jan. 10 in a phone conversation on the high building cost publications" they did not receive this information, therefore decided not to attend.

**"We feel it is very important that ratepayers have access to accurate information,"**

- Reeve  
Ian Harvie

"We requested the information before hand or we wouldn't come to the meeting," said Kuelker. "We wanted their figures."

According to Harvie, all the information was to be presented at the Special Meeting.

"There is no sense arguing with them if we don't have the information," said Kuelker. "Our group decided unanimously this morning to not attend the meeting."

Approximately eight to ten people voted on attending the meeting.

The letter went on to talk about the Oct. 2001 letter Harvie sent to ratepayers, asking for a response about their feelings on renovating the new building. The MVTA feels

it did not state it wasn't a binding plebiscite, therefore it should have been.

"It was not a binding plebiscite, it was deemed invalid," said Harvie.

"And only 26 percent of the County responded."

County Council members and County Administration Building Review Committee members,

Charlie Van Arnam and David Derkson attended the meeting along with County Reeve Ian Harvie, and County Commissioner Harold Johnsrude.



Lesley Winfield of Didsbury won this bear in a draw at the Didsbury Coin Laundry during Country Christmas.

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## CORRECTION NOTICE

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We apologize for any inconvenience.

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Peace River: Jan 28	Red Deer: Feb 4	St. Paul: Feb 11	Calgary: Mar 4

All public forums are held from 7 pm to 9 pm.

Any group or individual wishing to make a presentation to the committee should register by telephone at: (780) 644-1249 (dial 310-0000 for toll free access outside Edmonton).

If you cannot attend, please submit your comments to: [www.gov.ab.ca/albertaincanada/](http://www.gov.ab.ca/albertaincanada/)

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# Neighborhood

## Bruce Roy recognized for years of dedication



Bruce Roy surrounded by his family after receiving a Distinguished Service Award at the Horse Breeders and Owners Conference in Red Deer this past weekend.

by Tamara Collins

The Alberta Horse Industry Branch gave out its fifth Distinguished Service Award this past weekend at the Horse Breeders and Owners Conference in Red Deer. The award was given to Bruce Roy of Cremona.

"This award is recognizing people who have done exemplary things for the horse industry," said Les Burwash, Manager of Horse Programs, Alberta Agriculture. "Roy is a writer, educator, volunteer, someone always involved in the horse industry."

Roy has been breeding Percheron Horses since 1956. He was the Secretary Treasurer for the Canadian Percheron Association for 19 years. Roy also served as President of the Alberta Percheron Club and before that was a director for them.

"This is my third year as director of the Wild Rose Draft Horse Association," said Roy. "I also served as a Percheron breed representative, in the Canadian Livestock Records Co-

operation for several years."

Roy spent many years on the task force, advising Agriculture Canada on the heavy horse component of Hays Classification, which are employed at agricultural fairs across Canada.

"I served as a volunteer at many heavy horse related things," said Roy. "I have been

on the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede Heavy Horse Committee for 45 years, and was a chairman for 11. I've announced the Heavy Horse Show at the Stampede for 30 years."

One of the original committee members who brought the World Six Horse Hitch Cham-

pionship to the Calgary Stampede, Roy is very proud to say it's in its third year. He helped negotiate with the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra, to have them to play at the Championship, making it an attraction that over 30,000 attend each year.

The list continues, when Roy was on the Mountain View County Board of Directors, and was a member of the Heavy Horse Committee, and continues to announce the show today.

"I read pedigrees for the announcer at the Mid America Draft Horse Sale in Illinois, and also at the Eastern States Draft Horse Show in Ohio, the oldest continuous draft horse sale in North America," said Roy.

Roy used to read the Lacombe Draft Horse Sale, and continues to read the Wild Rose Draft Horse Sale in Olds.

He has set two record sales, one being the Willow Way Clydesdale Dispersal Sale and the other being the Rose Hill Percheron Young Stock Dispersal Sale.

Over the years Roy taught

Structure and Conformation of Draft Horse at Cornell University, at the Atlantic Vet College, and in Fredricton, New Brunswick.

"I taught as a Bio 10, 20, and 30 teacher in Cremona for 30 years," said Roy. "I won the Excellence in Teaching Award in 1990, presented by the Minister of Education."

Roy wrote, edited and published the Canadian Percheron Broadcaster for 19 years. Wrote, edited, and published the Feather and Fetlock magazine, from 1991 to 2003 until selling it to the Draft Horse Journal. He still remains a contributing editor to the publication.

"I was pleased to announce the World Percheron Congress in Kansas City in 1995," said Roy.

There are many more things Roy has been involved in over the years.

"I was deeply humbled and honored for receiving this award," said Roy. "It was above and beyond all my expectations. It was extremely touching to be the fifth recipient of this award, especially considering the other recipients. It was very moving."



Bruce Roy, years ago, working with a prize winning Percheron.



## NEIGHBORHOOD

AROUND THE CIRCLE



## At The Kitchen Table

by  
Noreen Olson

This is a column about statistics. Not statistics in regard to the cost of the Federal Gun registry, these grow worse at such an alarming rate that no one can keep up to them. Not statistics about the divorce rate which is alarming, or the rate of interest being paid on your savings account, which is pitiful, or the percentage of marijuana users or young females who smoke cigarettes or the ratio of girls to boys who enter advanced science programs. All of these statistics are interesting but I can't quote them because I don't have exact numbers for 2003 and even if I did, how do we know that they have not been skewed to fit the perceptions of the working statistician anyway. This column is not about any of those things.

Yesterday a CBC announcer told us that 600 kids live on the streets in Calgary. Six hundred kids living outside, in Winter, in Calgary? To qualify as a kid you would have to be under the age of 18. Are any of these kids, babies who live with their parents on the street? Are any of them between the ages of 6 and 16? If so where do they go to school? What are the circumstances that force a child to live on the street? Who is responsible for the child's welfare? What can we do about this? But this column is not about kids on the street either. It is about statistics as they apply to people who die from BSE, better known as Mad Cow Disease.

Friday December 9 Calgary Herald tells us that African AIDS numbers have been inflated and actually instead of an estimated 29.4 million people with the HIV virus there are probably only 22 million who have it. Only 22 million, somehow that is not at all reassuring. Hundreds of Africans die every day from AIDS related diseases and lots and lots of them are little children. In the same time frame how many Africans died from BSE? None.

In December Reader's Digest we read that each year an estimated 10,000 patients die in Canadian Hospitals as a result of staff errors and about another 20,000 may die from unforeseen or preventable causes while under care outside the hospital. This means that your chances of dying while under medical care are infinitely higher than if you had eaten 2 cows a week for your entire life.

ALS, or Lou Gehrig's disease, is the most common cause of neurological death. It is always fatal and once contracted life expectancy is 3 to 5 years. It is a horrible disease and while the victim eventually becomes paralyzed the mind remains alert so that no nuance of the horror goes unrecognized. It is not a rare disease, and 2 - 3 Canadians die from it every day. That's between 800 and 1000 Canadians in 2003. How many Canadians died from BSE last year? None.

Statistics for Multiple Sclerosis are very similar. Fifty Thousand Canadians have Multiple Sclerosis. Canada has one of the highest rates of multiple sclerosis in the world. How many Canadians have BSE? None.

In Alberta the leading causes of death are diseases of the heart, cancer, strokes, accidents, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, pneumonia and influenza, and suicide. BSE is not on the list.

How is it that all this time energy and media coverage is being spent on what is essentially a non issue. Wouldn't it make more sense to fight conditions and diseases that actually kill people and cause untold suffering the World over? It's not just that beef is a zillion dollar industry and it's not just because we in the west are dependant upon on it. The World is desperately short of protein and we who produce the World's finest protein are being penalized for doing so. Something weird is happening here and while I usually don't have much patience with people that imagine conspiracies lurking in back rooms and plots being hatched in penthouses there must be a reason for this and there must be some money in it for somebody.

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by Noreen Olson

## Community Bus heading to Calgary for Cash Casino trip

by Marge St. Clair

Happy New Year to all our readers.

## Wed. Jan. 14

The monthly pot luck dinner will be held at the 5-0 Centre starting at 12:30 p.m. Please bring your favorite meat dish, salad, veggies or dessert and enjoy!

## Wed. Jan. 14

The Didsbury & District Historical Society will meet at the Museum at 7:30 p.m. You are welcome to attend.

## Fri. Jan. 16

The Community Bus will be away to Calgary today on a cash casino trip, leaving the 5-0 Centre at 10:00 a.m. Please reserve your seat by phoning Bea 335-3058 or Gen 335-3449.

## Fri. Jan. 16

Cribbage play will start at the 5-0 Centre at 7:00 p.m. Enjoy coffee and goodies and visiting to finish up the evening.

## Sat. Jan. 17

The Mountain View Colts will play against Banff at the Didsbury Arena at 8:00 p.m. Come and support the home team.

## Sun. Jan. 18

Mt. View 4-H Curling Funspiel open to all 4-H club members in the county @ the Didsbury Curling Rink. Sponsored by the Mt. View County and the Mt. View Credit Union.

## Tues. Jan. 20

The D & D Chamber of Commerce is inviting all to a luncheon at Eldon Foote Hall from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. The speaker is from Alberta Energy-Business Elec. Unit. Phone the Chamber office 335-3265 or visit the website at [www.didsburychamber.ca](http://www.didsburychamber.ca) for more info.

## Wed. Jan. 21

The annual general meeting of the Didsbury Golf Club will be held in the Clubhouse at 7:30 p.m. All members welcome.

The Crossing Guards program at the schools is in dire need of volunteers. Parents, Grandparents, relations or friends are asked to contact Carla at 335-4328.

The Didsbury and District Seniors Support Services offers help in co-ordinating assistance for seniors. Please call the office at 335-4391.

Moms Time Out (Dads too) programs are held from 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. every Monday (except holidays) at the Anglican Church Hall,

there is a nominal babysitting fee. Please call 335-8183 or 335-9903 for more information.

## Mon. Jan. 26

St. Cyprian's A.C.W. will meet at the Anglican Church Hall at 1:30 p.m. This is the annual meeting, please try to attend. Rev. Bettson will again be starting regular office hours at the church on Wednesday a.m. from 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon and Thursday p.m. from 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. The Church phone no. is 335-4664 if you wish to contact the Rev. at those times.

## Tues. Jan. 27

Dr. Nugent, foot specialist, will be at the 5-0 Centre from 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. No appointment necessary.



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Written objections based on the effect of the work on marine navigation should be directed, not later than one month from the date of publication of this notice, to the Superintendent, Navigation Protection Program, Canadian Coast Guard, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, 201 Front Street N, Suite 703, Sarnia, Ontario, N7T 8B1

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Travis Hanson, C.E.T.  
AMEC Infrastructure Limited  
(Consultants for the Application)



# Faces



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## "Willing Hands" Group Comforts the needy



Eunice Swalm

The spirit of unselfish giving extends long after the Christmas season for at least 18 women in our community.

But as President of the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church's "Willing Hands" group explains, the community services they provide are really a labour of love.

"We are always hoping to do more and looking for

ways we can help," says Eunice Swalm.

The list of contributions already overseen by the group of (mostly senior) women includes: serving lunch and helping with birthday parties at the Auxiliary Hospital, delivering Meals-on-Wheels twice a year, donating to the Food Bank whenever possible, and making and delivering

kits (similar to Christmas Shoe Boxes) to countries overseas such as Haiti.

Among their most popular and well-known work is that involving their quilts. Approximately 25 quilts are crafted each year by the group which meets twice a month.

"We usually donate one or two to the Mennonite Central

Committee Sale," Swalm explains.

"...But we are hoping to be able to contribute more in the future to places like the Mustard Seed in Calgary or maybe the Calgary Women's Shelter."

Anyone wishing to join the "Willing Hands" group at the Church is invited to call Eunice Swalm at 335-8640.

## Putting the fun back in fitness

When was the last time you put the words "fun" and "fitness" in the same sentence?

If it's been awhile, chances are it's time to check out this season's newest **Fitness Class** being offered through the Town of Didsbury.

Beginning January 22nd, Instructor Pauline Wigg will be offering a fun, easy, and effective fitness class involving

a no-bounce format of dance, pilates and yoga moves.

Wigg is a recently certified AFLCA (Alberta Fitness Leaders Certificate Association) instructor who currently works at Curves for Women.

Her newest 10-week fitness class is being held in the Multi Purpose Room at the Didsbury Memorial Complex

on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm or 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

"You won't believe how fast this hour goes, we start with a gentle warm-up, then following simple steps we get into that calorie burning zone and do a dancy-type workout without jumping or high impact," Wigg explains.

"Before you know it we are

doing our pilates for strength and tone, ending with a yoga-type stretch."

Anyone interested in toning, shaping, reducing, improving their health, metabolism or just general wellness is encouraged to give Wigg's class a try.

To register, call the Town of Didsbury at 335-7369 or Pauline Wigg at 335-4820.



Pauline Wigg

## Make time for yourself at Curves in '04



Joanne Braun

It's that time of year again...the time when New Year's resolutions have already begun to wain and though many of us may have had the best intentions to get in shape or lose weight, we also may have recognized just how much time it takes to stick to even the best laid plans.

But Joanne Braun, the owner/operator of **Curves for Women** in Didsbury, says getting in shape and looking your best doesn't have to take hours out of your busy day. In fact, in the time it takes to watch your favorite sitcom on TV, balance your chequebook or catch up with your girlfriend, you could be on your way to looking and feeling bet-

ter in 2004.

"I am truly thrilled with the whole program. All it takes is 30 minutes, three times a week," Braun says. "All our equipment is hydraulic so you can work opposing muscle groups at the same time, during the same session."

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The concept of combining cardio and strength training using hydraulic equipment, Braun explains, actually originated in Wacko, Texas and quickly expanded to approximately 6000 outlets worldwide.

"I attended one of their conventions in the States recently where it was announced that Curves for Women is one of the fastest growing franchises ever according to the Guinness Book of World Records," says Braun. "It's just amazing to see how this has caught on."

The popularity of Curves for Women is, in fact, a trend Braun intends to see grow in the future. "Right now we have a special on where if you join in the month of January, you get 50 per cent off our one-time service fee and a Curves designer bag."

The special is just part of a series of new developments taking place at the Didsbury outlet. Beginning January 19th

Curves in Didsbury will introduce their new weight management program.

"It's a six-week dietary plan that offers support and information about how to lose weight and stay in shape," explains Braun, adding that unlike many other weight programs theirs has an exit plan. "You don't have to be on this program forever...once you've reached your goal, you only have to be on the program three days a month to maintain your weight."

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### THE POSITIVE SIDE OF LIFE

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Thanks to all the outstanding "Faces" that make Didsbury such a great community!

## NEIGHBORHOOD

## Cremona gold and silver

The Cremona Gold and Silver enjoyed their first Pot Luck Supper in 2004 on January 8th. President Alan Reid welcomed everyone and thanked the ladies for a delicious meal.

Secretary Lita Reid read two humorous articles on "The Month After Christmas" and "About Growing Older" before outlining the minutes of the December meeting. Business arising out of the minutes brought a few comments over the meeting held at the Pioneer Apartments on Dec. 18th with Richard Marz. Michael Kerfoot has asked to hold a meeting in our Centre on Jan. 20th at 7:30 PM so that more information might be gathered and discussed. Diane Davies moved, seconded by Elma Bird that we allow this meeting to be held. Motion Carried.

Treasurer Marie Olson gave us a caption of the income and expenses for December. Alan mentioned how grateful we are to Larry Steves for the excellent job he has done waxing the floors.

Ruby Wardle announced the Bridge games were continuing successfully. Marlene Toner reported that the Crib Tournament held Dec. 14th was a resounding success and that there are usually four or five tables in play at the weekly Crib games held Thursday evenings. Carpet bowling will begin Jan. 9th and continue until April. As some seniors are away, new bowlers are most welcome to come and join the fun.

Lila Robertson and Romelda Judd are planning to book a bus for Wednesday Jan. 21st to Airdrie Theatre for the show "A Tribute to Don Messer".

However this is dependent upon whether or not there can be an evening show rather than the present booking at 3 PM.

Alan has been given a most interesting envelope of clippings for the Museum by Marjorie McKinnon. They are of the early days of the old Cremona Hall.

Linda Newsome has asked to rent our hall for a family gathering on Jan. 24th. Dot Odell moved and Lila Robertson seconded a motion that we grant her request. Carried.

Lionel Bird moved that we adjourn.

Thought - Do something good every day that you don't want to do. This is the Golden Rule for acquiring the habit of doing your duty without pain.

- Mark Twain

Submitted by Lita Reid



Photo by Tamara Collins

## Bravin' it for Bottles

Zackary Vlaanderm, Van Beaver, and Seth McKay, Cub, were out collecting bottles on Saturday for the Scouts annual bottle drive.



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## NEIGHBORHOOD

Focus on  
the Family

**QUESTION:** My 4-year-old has recently "discovered" his penis and seems rather preoccupied with it. Do you think it's unusual or sinful for him to fondle himself so much?

**DR. DOBSON:** The answer to both of your questions is an emphatic "no!" Unintentional (or even intentional) self-arousal in young children, specifically boys, is neither unusual nor sinful. Your little guy is simply showing that he is "properly wired." There are no long-term consequences to this kind of innocent childish behavior, and it will soon resolve itself.

The only significance to early fondling activity is in how you as a parent deal with it. I've received letters from mothers who say they have spanked their preschoolers for touching themselves. Some have described great concerns about this behavior, seeing it as evidence of an immoral nature that had to be crushed. That is a very dangerous posture to take. I suggest that you not make a big deal over it.

**QUESTION:** That's easy for you to say. My 4-year-old daughter doesn't just fondle herself at home, where we can ignore it. She rubs herself whenever we are in public, such as at church or at a restaurant. How should I deal with that?

**DR. DOBSON:** You should respond as a teacher, not a disciplinarian. Take your daughter aside and talk about your concern. Explain that there are some things that we don't do in public — not because they are wrong, but because they are impolite. Just as you wouldn't urinate in front of other people, you should not be touching yourself when others can see you. If she continues to fondle herself, other people will think she is strange and some may laugh at her — something you're sure she wouldn't like. Your purpose in speaking this way is to sensitize her to the social implications involved in what she's doing. Show yourself to be firm and confident, not shocked or embarrassed.

The key to your approach is the avoidance of any suggestion that her body is dirty or "wrong" or evil. Such an implication might raise a whole host of other problems for your child that could carry over into adolescence and even adulthood.

**QUESTION:** What immediate changes would you make in junior and senior high schools to improve the learning environment there?

**DR. DOBSON:** Most important, we must make schools safer for students and teachers. Guns, drugs and adolescence make a deadly cocktail. It is unbelievable what we have permitted to happen on our campuses. No wonder some kids can't think about their studies. Their lives are in danger! Yes, we can reduce the violence if we're committed to the task. Armed guards? Maybe. Metal detectors? If necessary. More expulsions? Probably. No-nonsense administrators? Definitely. When schools are blessed by strong leadership, like the legendary Joe Clark at Eastside High School in Paterson, N.J., they make dramatic progress academically. Above all, we must do what is required to pacify the combat zones in junior and senior high schools.

We will not solve our pervasive problems, however, with the present generation of secondary school students. Our best hope for the future is to start over with the youngsters just coming into elementary school. We can rewrite the rules with these wide-eyed kids. Let's redesign the primary grades to include a greater measure of discipline. I'm not talking merely about more difficult assignments and additional homework. I'm recommending more structure and control in the classroom.

As the first official voice of the school, the primary teacher is in a position to construct positive attitudinal foundations on which future educators can build. Conversely, she can fill her young pupils with contempt and disrespect. A child's teachers during the first six years will largely determine the nature of his attitude toward authority and the educational climate in junior and senior high school (and beyond).

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## SMOKING

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After reading the findings she stated, "There is simply no convincing evidence linking second-hand smoke to lung cancer and heart disease."

She said that research done by her own group has come to the same conclusion as the new study. (The New York Post article is at <http://www.nypost.com> under archives and is dated May 16, 2003. This article is entitled "Second-hand Theory Blows Smoke: Study.")

It is also enlightening to learn what "The Times" of London reported about moves to ban public smoking. "The Times" writes that when many studies are pooled to increase their statistical power, only the positive studies go into the pool. This creates a false impression. (This article can be found at <http://www.timesonline.com.uk> under archives and is dated May 16, 2003. This article is entitled "Passive Smoking Risks in Doubt. Study Says.")

Are your elected representatives aware of this recently published important study and have the public been informed about it? The media's job is to report both sides of an issue.

Tobacco is a legal product and smokers should have the right to choose to smoke with respect for others. As I see it, at least suitable indoor smoking areas should be allowed.

It is clear to me that governments' actions along with excessive tobacco taxation are destroying the Canadian tobacco industry. All tobacco farmers are directly affected and therefore deserve fair compensation. As a result of this, businesses and communities will encounter difficulties.

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# Sports

## Farm and Ranch Bonspiel celebrates 10 years



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From left, Neil Youngs, Vance van Dam, Harry Reese, Joan and Ray Hannah. Youngs, van Dam, and both Hannahs have been on the Farm and Ranch Bonspiel Committee for the past 10 years. Reese has been on the committee for the past 7, and has been Chairman for 5 of those years.

The 10th anniversary of the Farm and Ranch Bonspiel took place in Didsbury this past week. The success of the event was shown greatly throughout.

The event originally started with the coming together of Tony Overwater, Ray and Joan Hannah, Vance van Dam, and Neil Youngs. Ray and Joan Hannah and Neil Youngs all still remain on the committee. They started the event by approaching businesses for sponsorship and talking to the people who ran the Olds Bonspiel for ideas.

Over the past 10 years some changes have been made, but overall the event has remained the same.

"It is basically the same, with a few improvements," said Neil Youngs, Farm and Ranch Bonspiel committee member, and draw master for all ten years. "We are always gaining sponsorship, but it was strong right from the beginning."

The number of rinks involved has stayed between 36 and 44 throughout the years.

"We reached our peak at 40," said Harry Reese, Chairman of the Farm and Ranch Bonspiel Committee for the past five years, and on it for 7 years. "We have maintained that same number for the past few years."

This Bonspiel is known to be a great opportunity for the farming and the business community to come together and exchange views and ideas under social conditions.

When the event first started in 1994, only farmers in the Mountain View County could

participate. That all changed about 3 years ago, and now all qualified farmers can attend.

"There are no boundaries anymore," said Youngs. "If you own your own land, are an active farmer, or a retired farmer you are welcome to participate."

Each rink includes three participants and one business person from the sponsors. This format has remained the same through out the 10 years. This year there were 35 farm rinks and five business rinks. Everyone who sponsors the event is allowed to put curlers in. 160 people participated this year. Curlers came from Torrington, Olds, Crossfield, and Carstairs.

Meals for the curlers were offered for next to nothing. They are given breakfast for \$1, and lunch for \$2. The kitchen keeps track, and the committee pays for the balance of the meals at the end of the event. This year instead of holding a special thank you night for sponsors, they received meal tickets, and were given the same great deal as the curlers. According to Reese, this was very successful and they will continue this in the future. Free coffee was also offered to the curlers throughout the week.

"We see a lot of the same people out every year," said Youngs. "And we get a lot of the same sponsors, we do lose some and gain some every year though. Overall it is very stable."

The committee holds their first meeting in October, and have four meetings between

then and the Bonspiel. They also hold a closing meeting when it is over to discuss problems that might come up and new ideas for the future. Every year the Bonspiel is held on the first full week in January from Monday to Saturday.

"It is a great opportunity for the rural community to thank the farm community," said Reese. "Sponsorship is up from last year, they come to us now, we don't even need to go looking for it."

A group of special guests came down to the curling arena to watch the event this week. A group of people from Chinook Winds in Carstairs rode over on the handi bus to enjoy some good curling and some lunch.

"It was a great thing to see," said Reese. "I hope it becomes an annual thing for them."

In celebration of the 10th anniversary, there were two special draws. Each curler got their name in the draw, but they didn't know what the draw was for. Saturday night at the banquet it was announced that the first place draw winner would receive a trip for two to the opening weekend of the Brier in Saskatoon from March 5th to 7th. The trip included two nights accommodation and \$500 spending money. The winner of this was Dennis Roemmele.

The second draw winner received a trip for two to the Scotts in Red Deer on February 21. This included one night accommodations and \$250 spending money. The winner of

this prize was Dan Sinclair.

Wine was also supplied to all the tables at the banquet in honour of the anniversary.

Approximately 250 people attended the banquet, including Mayor Dorothy Moore and County Reeve Ian Harvie.

The Draw to the Button was held Saturday afternoon before the final games. This event was once again sponsored by Double R Exteriors Ltd. 74 people qualified for the event, but 31

didn't show up. The first place winner received \$200. The winner was Clarence Martin who came within six and a half inches of the target spot, and the second place winner was Bruce Robinson, who won \$150 for coming within 16 inches of the target. This was the second year of Draw to the Button.

In total each year there are 16 winners, four winners per event. All prizes were awarded at the banquet.

## 2004 Winners



1st event winners, Ralph Richards, Gord Empey, Dan Sinclair, and Gary Gaudette.



2nd event winners, Jim Wilson, Darren Krebs, Tom Hadway, and Joyce Bayfield.



3rd event winners, Clarence Martin, Dave Watley, Rob Martin, and Gord Wigley.



4th event winners, Mark Sheehan, Gord Luft, Mel Keys, and Bev Wilson.

# YEAR IN REVIEW 2003

CONTINUED FROM JANUARY 7th

## September - Obstetrical services temporarily suspended

Expecting mothers had to prepare themselves to drive extra miles when it comes time to deliver their newborns, after obstetrical services were temporarily suspended at the Didsbury hospital. According to Elaine McFadden, a spokesperson for David Thompson Health Authority, this suspension would be temporary and they were trying to rectify the problem as soon as possible.

"It is a temporary suspension

and we are trying to resolve the problem as soon as possible," McFadden said.

"This suspension is entirely based on the safety of mothers and their newborns... we are currently looking at some different strategies." The service was suspended due to a shortage in nursing staff, McFadden explained, explaining that the health region has had difficulties in attracting quali-

fied nursing staff to the Didsbury hospital.

Local Didsbury health authority representative, Grant Hemming, echoes the words of McFadden, adding that the nation wide shortage in nursing staff had finally hit Didsbury.

"We have been hearing for the last couple of years that there is a shortage in nursing staff, and I guess it has finally hit home," Hemming said.

**Mayor's Prayer Breakfast cancelled**

The annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast was cancelled due to a number of circumstances.

"Due to unfortunate circumstances we have had to cancel this year's Mayor's Prayer Breakfast," said Roy Brassard, key organizer in the annual event which was scheduled for September 19.

**Town council considering proposed "Cat By-law"**

Didsbury cat owners may have to keep their cats inside,

or tie them up in their own yards - or they could be trapped and hauled away if a proposed by-law makes it's way through the process.

Greg Hnatiuk, community constable and by-law officer's proposal to council is similar to that of Bowden's, which leaves the responsibility up to the complainant and the by-law officer wouldn't be responsible for chasing after these animals.

## October - Didsbury Hospital moved into CHR

Those residents who lobbied the government last year in attempts to have the Didsbury General Hospital moved into the Calgary Regional Health Authority (CRHA), and out of David Thompson Health Region, got their prayers answered.

It was confirmed in October by Alberta Health and Wellness that the local hospital and all communities to the South of Didsbury would be moved into the CRHA.

According to Howard May, a spokesperson for Alberta Health and Wellness, after many months of investigation by the government Alberta Health and Wellness has made a decision to move the hospital into the Calgary region. "We are responding to issues raised in the community and have discussed this with both affected health regions," May said. "The dis-

cussions have been going on for almost a year now."

The date of the move was not confirmed but May said it would be occurring. "As soon as possible." May added that the move is not expected, at all, to affect the staffing levels at the local 15 bed acute care facility. "The community, as a whole, isn't of one mind on this issue and that is why the decision to move the hospital into the CRHA has

many residents smiling, but Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills MLA said he just hopes that Didsbury's services are not affected if or when the City of Airdrie receive their own hospital.

**Didsbury RCMP bust drug trafficker**

Didsbury RCMP sent out a strong message to a drug trafficker when he attempted to use the community as his meeting

place to sell drugs to an unidentified male in October. While on routine patrols Didsbury Mounties interrupted an unknown male who was apparently selling cocaine to another unidentified male. "These individuals were meeting near Didsbury to coordinate the trafficking," said Didsbury RCMP Cst. Chris Reisteer, adding it was just luck they (RCMP) were in the right place at the right time.

## November - Petition started to stop new County admin. building

Taxpayers from Mountain View County (MVC) got together in November at the Elkton Valley Campground Recreation Centre, and at the Mountain View Community Hall to discuss the plans for the new county administration building.

Plans that were discussed were not plans of excitement over the new building, but plans on how to bring the project to a halt.

The Mountain View Taxpayers Association (MVTA) held the meetings to make other county members aware of their feelings on the new building, and to start a petition.

"We are against this building being built at that cost," said Henry Kuelker, member of the Taxpayers Association. "I know we can do with less."

The estimated cost of the new building is between \$4.4 and \$4.8 million, compared to renovating the present building for between \$3.5 and \$3.9.

Over 60 people attended the meeting on Wednesday, and almost 60 people on Thursday.

"We were pleasantly surprised with the turnout," said Kuelker.

Ian Harvie, MVC Reeve, attended the Thursday night meeting for observation.

"I am disappointed about the petition," said Harvie. "But we will deal with it when the time comes."

The petition was constructed by a lawyer, to ensure it was legal.

"In order for it to be a legal petition," said Kuelker, "We have to get 1200 legal signatures."

The petition states, "Pursuant to section 232 of the Municipal Government Act 2000 R.S.A. c. M-26, as amended, the undersigned petitioners hereby petition the Municipal Council of Mountain View County for a binding plebiscite to approve a new municipal bylaw prohibiting the sufficiency of this petition, from entering into any agreement for the acquisition of any land or construc-

tion of any building with a cost of, one million five hundred thousand dollars (1.5 million dollars) or more."

**Local 4-H volunteers recognized for years of work**

As Canada celebrated 90 years of 4-H, Didsbury locals, Bert and Pat Pringle celebrated as two of the three new 2003 inductees to the Alberta 4-H Hall of Fame. The Pringles and Leona Petherbridge of Bon Accord, now join 57 other Alberta volunteers in the Hall of Fame, which has been around since 1971. "Alberta has a strong and proud history with 4-H as do these three Albertans," said Shirley McClellan, deputy premier and minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development. "This year's inductees have truly made youth development a part of their life's work."

The Pringles have been involved in 4-H for 30 years. They have served as leaders of the West Didsbury Beef Club, and held executive positions at

district, regional and provincial 4-H councils. "We were not expecting this," said Pat. "It is like

winning an Oscar, you just do it because you enjoy it and hope you are doing a good job."

## December - Didsbury hospital transfer on track

The transfer of health services in the Didsbury area from the Red Deer based David Thompson Health Region to the Calgary Health Region is progressing smoothly and on time, say officials.

Hospitals in Sundre and Olds were not expected to be impacted by the change. The December 1 transfer would not unduly affect staffing levels at the 15 acute-care bed Didsbury Health Centre, say officials.

"We're working together to

make sure there is a smooth transition and that there is not a disruption of service," said Lori Anderson, senior executive leader with CHR.


The transfer appears to be on track, said Elaine McFadden, David Thompson Health Region spokesperson.

"Plans are underway and the transition appears to be going according to plan," said McFadden.

The transfer was prompted by public petitions

circulated in the Didsbury area starting last spring. The petitions, in turn, prompted municipal councils in Didsbury, Carstairs, Cremona and Mountain View County to call for the transfer.

The Carstairs motion read: "The needs of the community will be better served by the Calgary Region as the proximity to Calgary is closer than Red Deer and that the majority of citizens in the district consult with physicians from Calgary."



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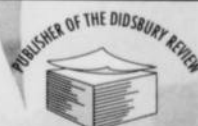
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## OBITUARIES

**MARTIN** - Frank Binner passed away in his sleep at the New Colonel Belcher residence, Tuesday, December 30, 2003, at the age of 88. He was born August 14, 1915 in Okotoks, Alberta to Richard (Dick) and Elizabeth Martin (nee Binner). He settled in the Carstairs area at the age of 4 with his parents and younger brother, Arthur. Frank and his brother played for many dances in the area prior to and following the 2nd World War. From 1939-1945 Frank was an aero-engine mechanic with the Royal Canadian Air Force stationed at the Pat Bay Air Force Training School, Victoria and later transferred to Calgary's Currie Barracks to complete his Air Force service. Following the war, Frank returned to the family farm where he resumed farming with his brother. He remained on the farm until June of 2003 when he took up residence at the New Colonel Belcher in Calgary. Frank was predeceased by his father Dick Martin, mother Elizabeth and loving wife Hilda. He is survived by his brother Art Martin, daughter Enid, son Richard and wife Marsha, grandchildren Katrina Rempel, Natasha (nee Rempel) and Craig Collier. "Celebration of Life" services were held on Tuesday, January 6, 2004 at the Carstairs United Church. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #53, Box 7, Carstairs, Alberta, T0M 0N0. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Mountain View Funeral Chapels, Didsbury.

**MOLYNEUX** - Edith Yvonne Molyneux passed away suddenly January 1, 2004 at 67 years. She was predeceased by her parents John and Emily Garner, brothers Jack and Don. Edie was born May 12, 1936 at Calgary, Alberta. Her family moved to Didsbury in 1938 and then to Bowden in 1947, where Edie completed her high school. Edie married a farmer and the love of her life, Tom Molyneux on October 1, 1954. Edie was a full time mother and homemaker. Her home was full of love, laughter, family and friends. Edie was a super cook and could put a meal on the table for the extra six that showed up without a bat of an eye. She put in huge gardens and was a canning, preserving specialist. Edie enjoyed travelling and was an avid camper. Edie's greatest talent was her "hands-on" love and involvement with her children and grandchildren. She was the family historian and chronicler, was well read and an accomplished painter. Edie will be forever missed by her best friend and loving husband Tom, their children; Gary and his son Zach; Duan and Kathie and their children Shauna, Shane and Mitchell; Jeff and Jacqui and their children Kole and Nakisha and Kurtis Rutherford; Dean; Lori and Dave Pochapsky and their daughters Michelle and Melissa; sister Grace Baptiste; family and friends. A memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 8, 2004 at the Bowden Community Hall. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the St. Andrews United Church, Box 222 Bowden, Alberta. T0M 0K0. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Innisfail Home & Crematorium, Innisfail. As a memorial tribute to Edith Molyneux a tree will be planted in the Tree Memorial Park (Innisfail) by Innisfail Funeral Home & Crematorium.

**MILLER** - Clifford George passed away peacefully at the Didsbury Hospital, with his family at his bedside, on December 23, 2003 at the age of 65 years. His parents Wilfred and Edna, brothers' Wilf and Wayne Miller, father-in-law Ivar Weber, brother-in-law Howard LaRiviere, niece Kathy Robertson, nephew Kyle Weber and grandnephew Kyle Sutherland, predeceased him. His loving wife Eileen and children Laurie, Greg (Yvonne) and Karen (Steve Agar) survive Cliff. Six grandchildren Brandon, Katelyn and Cameron Miller and Kelsie, Bradley and Colin Agar, step-grandchild Sarah Usherwood, siblings Ruth (Murray) Anderson, Thelma (Rube) Mente, Wynn Wallace and Lorne (Helen) Miller, beloved brothers spouses Wanda and Joyce Miller, many nieces, nephews, cousins, mother-in-law Helen Weber and the rest of the Weber family. Cliff was born in Didsbury on May 7, 1938. He worked in road construction, at Miller's Groceries, on various farms and at the Harmattan Gas Plant. He retired from the gas plant in 1996. He loved his family, friends, music, books and nature. He also loved woodworking and his latest project was building a frontier town to scale. He and his wife spent their summer at Fairmont BC and winter in the place they always called home, Didsbury. Memorial tributes may be made to The Rosebud Foundation, a local charity that supplies much needed equipment to the Didsbury Hospital. Heartland Funeral Services in Olds were entrusted with the arrangements on December 30, 2003.

**HUGHES** - Gladys Maud Hughes (Cornwall) was born in Chichester, England on the 23rd of November 1911, the eldest of five children of Willie and Maud Cornwall. Gladys married Wallace Hughes on April 28, 1945 in Worthing, England. She arrived in Calgary March 27, 1946 in a blizzard, likes of which she had never seen before, on her way to the farm in Westcott - Rugby area where they farmed until retiring to Olds and finally to Didsbury Long Term Care in February 1989. Predeceased by her husband Wallace in 1990, one sister Sylvia and one brother Doug. Survived by two sisters Phyllis and Hilda; one son David (Gay); four grandchildren Janice (Jody), Carma (Shawn), Phillip (Jessica), and Nicole; and two great granddaughters Ashley and Samatha. A memorial service was held for Gladys on Thursday, January 8, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. with Reverend Nancy Nourse officiating. Arrangements were entrusted to Mountain View Funeral Chapel, Didsbury.

**PRATT** - Gertrude Ethel Pratt was born August 22, 1915 in Frank, Alberta to Georgina and Jack Miller, the seventh child of twelve children. At the age of four, she moved with her family to Calgary and in 1920, they moved to the Sunnyslope area east of Didsbury. There she attended the Burnside Country School until grade nine, after which she went out to work for some families in the area. At the church picnic in July 1934, she first met Thomas K. Pratt, whom she married two years later on July 1, 1936. They later bought and settled on their farm east of Carstairs in 1943 to continue their life's work and raise their family of eight; four boys and four girls. They retired from the farm and moved to Didsbury in 1975. After Tom's passing in 1978, Gertie spent a few years travelling to many places, including the United Kingdom, Las Vegas and the Maritimes. Gertie spent many years involved in the Mountain View Women's Institute and in the Dardanelle Chapter of the I.O.D.E. in Carstairs. She loved to read, crochet lace dollies and do embroidery. She dedicated her life though to her husband and children. Gertie was a great cook and many Sunday dinners would be for 20 or more people. In later years, she loved to play games with her grandchildren and always had cookies on hand for them. Gertie passed away January 4, 2004 at the Didsbury Health Care Centre at the age of 88 years. She was predeceased by her parents, all her siblings, her husband Tom, her son-in-law Hank and an infant grandson. She leaves to mourn all her children Georgina (Jim) Ruissen of Airdrie; Patricia van Tetering of Carstairs; Robert (Karlene) Pratt of Spruce Grove; Edward Pratt of Calgary; Murray (Shelly) Pratt of Calgary; Ken (Diane) Pratt of Vermillion; Margaret (Phil) Stevens of Olds; Virginia (Bruce) Snyder of Didsbury; as well as 28 grandchildren and 40 great-grandchildren. Funeral Services were held on Friday, January 9, 2004 at 1:30 p.m. in the Knox United Church, Didsbury. Memorials in Gertie's honor may be made directly to the Rosebud Health Foundation. As a tribute to Gertrude Pratt a tree will be planted in the Heartland Tree Memorial Park (Olds). Olds Funeral Home & Crematorium (Heartland Funeral Services Ltd.) entrusted with arrangements.



**EBY** - Samuel Ward Eby stepped quietly into the arms of Jesus early Sunday morning, January 4, 2004. He leaves to mourn his loving wife Luella and four daughters, Gayle (Colin) McEwing, Gwen (Jim) Chopko, Mary Lou (Paul) Evans, Norma Jean (Victor) Howard; three grandchildren Vaughn (Kim) McEwing, Caleb Evans and Terri Anne Howard; two step-great-grandchildren Melissa and Anthony and one brother Clinton (Ruth) Eby. Ward was predeceased by a daughter Linda, his parents Sam and Annetta Eby, four brothers Leonard, Arthur, Eldon, Clarence and four sisters Edith, Ethel, Marjorie and Hazel. Ward was an inventor and mechanic at heart. If anything needed fixing, he was game to try. New ideas were ever in the back of his mind. His sense of humor was renowned amongst family and friends for he never missed an opportunity to cause a smile. Even though he was a man of few words, his love was evident to those around him. Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 10, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. in the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church, Didsbury. Interment followed in the Didsbury Cemetery. Please consider making a donation to S.T.A.R.S. Air Ambulance or the Foothills Hospital I.C.U. in lieu of sending flowers. As a tribute to Ward Eby, a tree will be planted in the Heartland Tree Memorial Park (Olds). Olds Funeral Home & Crematorium (Heartland Funeral Services Ltd.) entrusted with arrangements.



**TOPPING** - Edward (Ted) of Didsbury passed away peacefully at the Didsbury long term Care Centre on Dec. 15, 2003 at the age of 86. He was born Sept. 16, 1917 at Jenner, Alberta. He was the son of Fred Topping and Edna Nash and was the 6th of 7 children. At the age of 23 he volunteered for the armed forces and served as a loader/operator with the 14th Calgary Regiment. While stationed in England he met his bride Joyce and they were married Aug. 1945. After the war, Ted & Joyce returned to Canada and farmed in Westcott, Sundre then settled back at Westcott until they retired and moved to Didsbury in 1978. Ted was a Legion member, an active member of the community and was dedicated to his family. Ted will be proudly remembered by his children: John (Marilyn) of Calgary, Christine (John) of Red Deer, James (Linda) of Leduc, Lynn (Harley) of Red Deer, 10 grand children, 1 great granddaughter, his brother Charles (Delores) of Didsbury and numerous nieces, nephews and friends. He was predeceased by Joyce in 1992, his parents and remaining siblings most recently Elsie in Nov. 2003. Funeral Services for Ted were held Friday, Dec. 19, 2003 at Knox United Church, Didsbury, at 2:00 p.m. with Reverend Nancy Nourse officiating. Interment at the Didsbury Cemetery. Memorial donations in Ted's memory may be made to Unit 4 Long Term Care, the Didsbury Hospital. Arrangements entrusted to MOUNTAIN VIEW FUNERAL CHAPEL, Didsbury.

**JOHNSON** - Lyle Russell Johnson, born July 23, 1929, passed away at Olds Extended Care Facility on December 30, 2003. Lyle was born in Olds, the youngest of John and Christine Johnson's three children. Early in Lyle's life tragedy struck with the death of his father from pneumonia. The family remained in Olds and Lyle took all of his formal education here. After High School he secured employment in the oil and gas industry working seismic exploration around Alberta. On July 28, 1953 he married Marjorie Ruth Goetjen of the Westcott area. Shortly after the birth of their first child he left the oil industry and went to work for Alberta Pacific Grain Co. Lyle left the grain industry in 1972 to accept employment as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Neutral Hills School Division in Consort, Alberta. From 1974 until his retirement in 1989 he was employed by the Taber School Division as Secretary-Treasurer. Marjorie and Lyle retired to Olds to be near family and friends. Lyle was predeceased by his wife Marjorie, his brother Victor Johnson, his mother Christine Johnson and his father John Johnson. Lyle is survived by his three sons: John of Olds, Richard of Calgary, Randall of Olds, and sister Eileen McLeod of Olds, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and in-laws. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 17, 2004 at 1:30 p.m. at Mountain View Funeral Chapel, 5226 - 46 Street, Olds. If desired, memorial tributes may be given to either the Alzheimer Society (220, 2323 32nd Ave NE, Calgary, AB T2E 6Z3) or Canadian Cancer Society (215, 12 Ave SE FLR 2, Calgary, AB T2G 9Z9). Arrangements are entrusted to Mountain View Funeral Chapel, Olds.



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### Graduation



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## CARD OF THANKS

The family of Cliff Miller extends their thank-you to those that offered caring and support, during his illness and recent passing. Cliff was treated with such kindness and consideration while in the Didsbury hospital. Dr. Puts was very supportive to all members of the family. The nursing staff was very considerate and assisted us greatly in spending as much time as possible with our husband/Dad/Papa. A special thanks to friends and family who took time from their busy schedules to visit Cliff in Didsbury and at the Rocky View Hospital and those that brought gifts, food and sent memorials to the Rosebud Foundation.

Our thanks to family and friends for their support when Rae was sick and after his death. Your many kindnesses, phone calls, flowers, donations, baking and meals brought to our new home. Our thanks to Dr. Hoeve, Dr. Wray, the nurses and staff at the hospital. Also to you at Legacy Village for driving me up to the hospital and for your loving concern. Special thanks to Rev. Nancy Nourse & Rev. Dave Gilchrist for the service and Doreen McEwan and Linda Leonard for special music. Thanks to the U.C.W. and Innis Lake Ladies for a lovely lunch. Peggy Church, George, Scott, Susan & families

My heartfelt gratitude goes out to all of those who helped top make bearable the heartbreak of Arthur's illness and death. Many who visited us both in hospital through our long illness. The many who expressed their regard for the special person that Arthur was and for the imprint he made on so many. Thank you so much.  
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### Didsbury & District Community Bus

We're going to Cash Casino in Calgary. Friday, January 16, 2004. Bus leaves 5-0 Club at 10:00 a.m. Cost \$10. Call Bea 335-3058 or Gen 335-3449.

### DIDSBURY

#### Hall Rental

The Fallen Timber Community Hall offers an ideal place for quiet safety meetings or fabulous social activities. Please contact Esther McMullen for more info at 335-2270.

### Didsbury Youth Justice Committee

Regular monthly meetings are 2nd Thursday of every month at the Didsbury RCMP detachment at 7:00 p.m. Anyone interested in joining is welcome to attend.

### DIDSBURY

#### Meeting

Wed. Jan. 21 is the Annual General Meeting of the Didsbury Golf Club at the Clubhouse at 7:30 p.m. All members welcome.

#### Group

The Cremona Parent & Tots Group is going strong and we would like you to join us! We meet every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Cremona Congregational Church Basement. For more info contact Doreen at 637-0182.

## ONGOING EVENTS

### CARSTAIRS

#### RECYCLING DEPOT

Carstairs Lion's Recycling Depot is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

#### CARSTAIRS TOPS

Take off Pounds Sensibly at the Church of God on Monday nights 7 - 8 p.m. For further information call Jean 637-3753, Shelly 337-3082 or Kim 946-4997.

### DIDSBURY

#### COMMUNITY CRISIS SOCIETY

Are you experiencing family violence? Please call the Crisis Shelter at 1-877-934-6634.

#### CHAMPS

"NEW" Canadian Weight Awareness - CHAMPS Clubs Inc. is a Non-Profit Weight Loss Support Organization which meets weekly. We are open to Men and Ladies whom share a common concern of managing their weight. For more info about CHAMPS CLUB INC. call today. 1-866-444-7682.

### DIDSBURY MUSEUM

New Fall hours: Tues, Wed., Thurs, 12:30 - 4:30. Saturday: 1 - 5 p.m., special occasions & anytime by appointment. Please call Dale Weiss at 335-4723 or Willard Stauffer at 335-3715.

### SPECIAL FAMILIES RESOURCE ASSOCIATION

Support for families/caregivers of special needs children. Meetings held 1st and 3rd Thurs. of every month in the Didsbury Hospital in the Educational Conference Room at 7 p.m. Join us for an Asperger's discussion on Tues. Oct. 14 6:30 - 7:30. For more information contact Cindy at 335-4123.

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Didsbury Chamber of Commerce meets every 2nd Thursday. Once a month.. For more info please call 335-3265.

### DIDSBURY TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Stacey at 335-4487 or Rosemary 335-2835.

### ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board meets once every month at the Town Office. For info call the Town Office 335-3391

#### HALL WALKING

Adult hall walking at Westglen from 6:45 a.m. Monday to Thursday. Keep fit this winter.

### DIDSBURY

#### BEAVER'S

Beaver's Monday 7 - 8 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

#### TOY LIBRARY

Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury Toy Library: (Closed for the Summer) the Anglican Church Hall basement 2037 - 24 Ave. New members always welcome. Kerri at 335-9928.

#### AA

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 20 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Wendy at 335-3877 or Rick at 335-9525.

#### TIME OUT

Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury's Mom's Time Out and Dads Too program. At Anglican Church Hall, Mondays 10-11:30 a.m. Nominal babysitting fee. Call 335-8183 or 335-9903 for more information.

#### KING HIRAM LODGE

King Hiram Lodge #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

#### O.E.S. MEETING

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Kay Johnston at 335-4060.

### GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

Gamblers Anonymous (G.A.) starting Monday, January 22 from 7 - 9 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Hospital Unit 4. For more information please call 335-8208.

### SONS OF NORWAY

Sons of Norway meets the 4th Monday of every month at 8 p.m. at Evergreen Centre in Olds. All welcome. Call 556-2401 or 337-2037 for more information.

#### CASH BINGO

Didsbury Elks Cash Bingo every Tuesday. Doors open 6:00 p.m., Nickel Bingo at 6:45. Regular Bingo at 7:30 p.m. Didsbury Elks Hall.

### DIDSBURY PRESCHOOL

is now accepting registrations for 2003-2004 school year. This non-profit organization offers educational and social programming for children 3 to 5 years old. For information or to register your child, please call: Cherrie 335-8818 or 335-8039

### DIDSBURY

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#### INFORMATION

Mountain View La Leche League, a group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month 10 a.m. Olds Scout Hall, Phone 337-3617 or 556-3807 for information.

#### BRIDGE CLUB

Mountain View Bridge Club meets every Wednesday from 7-10 p.m. at the Masonic Star Hall, 2037-21 Avenue, Didsbury. All bridge players welcome! For more info: 335-8375 or 638-2757.

#### HOME HELP ASSOCIATION

The Didsbury & District Senior Support Services co-ordinates assistance for seniors. Call 335-4391.

#### LEARNING DISABILITIES

Learning Disabilities of Alberta, Mtn. View Chapter. Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. For info call Susan at 335-3174.

### DIDSBURY MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC

Free, confidential walk-in counseling the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 12 - 4 p.m. Phone 335-7285.

### OLDS

#### W.H.O.A.S

Wild Horses of Alberta Society. Help preserve these magnificent animals in their natural environment. Meetings are the first Tues. of every month at Olds Cow Palace, 8 p.m. Call Doreen at 556-6167 for more information.

#### MEETING

Adoption Support Group of Olds and area meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information contact Susan at 335-8540.

### SUNDRE

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Wednesdays, 8 - 9 p.m. in the basement of the Anglican Church. Ron 638-2736.

#### ALA TEEN

Ala Teen, Sundre United Church Basement, Wednesday 7:00 p.m. More info 638-3277.

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